



City of Seattle

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Seattle Freight Advisory Board

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Linda Anderson

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Bob Viggers

Cameron Williams

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution
31243

Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 18, 2011 / 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present:

Warren Aakervik, Linda Anderson, Alon Bassok, Cliff Bates, Terry Finn, Anne Goodchild, Chris Martin, Bob Viggers, Cameron Williams

Others Present: Michael Sheehan (Seattle Times), Christine Wolf (Port), Dale Tabat (WSDOT), Barb Ivanov (WSDOT), Blake Trask (SBAB), Kevin Hughes

City Staff/Representatives: Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Ethan Raup (Mayor's Office), Peter Hahn (SDOT), Charles Bookman (SDOT), Kristen Simpson (SDOT), Jon Layzer (SDOT), Ruth Harper (SDOT)

Welcome and Introductions

Councilmember Tom Rasmussen welcomed the members of the Freight Advisory Board to their first ever meeting and Ethan Raup from the mayor's office welcomed the committee members on behalf of the mayor. Board members, city staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Purpose and Operations

Kristen Simpson of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) kicked off an in-depth introduction by the members, where they described their freight mobility interest and experience. Kristen began a discussion of the purpose and responsibilities of the board, which includes adopting a work plan for the year. She introduced a draft work plan to the members. A first step in the work plan is electing officers and establishing operating guidelines and procedures.

Members of the board who are new to the city's freight program asked questions about how the Freight Mobility Advisory Committee (FMAC), which preceded the board, operated. Members who had served on the FMAC explained that, among other things, the committee commented on freight projects that were brought to them by SDOT staff. SDOT Director Peter Hahn stated he is interested in hearing feedback regarding E Marginal Way and Airport Way at the February meeting.

The board decided to form three short-term ad hoc working subcommittees. The work plan committee will be headed by Alon Bassok and Anne Goodchild, the nominating committee will be headed by Cliff Bates and Chris Martin; the operating committee will be headed by Warren Aakervik and Bari Bookout (as suggested by Christine Wolf).

SDOT Freight Portfolio Overview

Kristen Simpson gave a brief overview of SDOT's freight program and projects. This presentation included an introduction to SDOT's organization as pertains to freight mobility, and the specific responsibilities of each division. Kristen also touched on the Freight Spot CIP Project program, which funds small-scale improvements to city streets to enhance freight connections.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 9:30am to 11:30am, Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room L280.